

# THE SIERRA MADRE NEWS.

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NO. 51.

## GAS THE TOPIC IMPORTANCE OF SHRUBS HAIL, HAIL, HAIL

### Board of Trade Holds Special Meeting to Consider Proposition of R. J. Dunn.

Pursuant to the call of Secretary Bridle, the Board of Trade held a special session Tuesday evening to meet Mr. R. J. Dunn who wishes to construct a gas plant in Sierra Madre. President Keys presided. Mr. Dunn was introduced by Mr. N. H. Hosmer and presented a proposal in writing for the organization of a stock company and the erection of a plant.

In substance Mr. Dunn's proposition is this: His company, the Standard Gas and Electric Co., will erect a plant and lay the mains at a cost of \$27,500, provided the citizens of Sierra Madre will subscribe for \$20,000 worth of stock, the balance of \$7,500 to be covered by a mortgage on the plant. Mr. Dunn suggested that the stock be divided into lots of 200 shares at \$1.00 each, each buyer of a block of this stock to be given free a service connection, meter and gas range, with 10 per cent discount on all gas bills as an inducement to subscribe. The cost of this was figured into the cost of the plant.

Mr. Dunn said his company is merely a construction company, but are willing to help finance the concern for the sake of getting the job. The other members of the company are Mr. Walter S. Cramp of the Philadelphia shipbuilding company, and Mr. Horace Slater of Redlands. They have erected plants at Hemet, Huntington Park and Fullerton and inspection of these plants was invited to show the character of work done. After looking over the Sierra Madre situation Mr. Dunn declared that a gas plant would be entirely feasible and would be a paying proposition with 100 consumers.

After considerable discussion and questioning it was decided to appoint a committee to visit one or more of the plants erected by Mr. Dunn's company. President Keys named Messrs. M. H. Bridle, N. H. Hosmer, J. J. Graham, J. A. Madden and W. S. Andrews. This committee will investigate the matter as fully as possible in an endeavor to learn the actual cost of such a plant as Mr. Dunn proposes to erect here, character of service rendered by plants already erected and other possible solutions of the gas problem. They will report at a later meeting of the Board. It will then be decided whether or not further negotiations shall be carried on with Mr. Dunn.

There is no question about the benefit of good gas service to Sierra Madre, particularly as a solution of the fuel problem. There have been overtures from different companies who would like to pipe gas from Pasadena or Monrovia if enough subscribers to the service are

Shrubs are of more general importance than even trees or any of the outdoor plants and will be considered more fully than anything else, for the present. Many trees may be cut to the ground and will not die as anticipated, but will send out an abundant and always beautiful mass of young shoots from the root. This character is still more general in shrubs and seems to be true of all of our native shrubs. It is of great importance because many a garden is spoiled by unsightly shrubs that have been beautiful and could still be so if the owner would use a little courage. In a garden or park all trees and shrubs should be matched and controlled, but in many instances the neglect of years may be remedied. The young growth is nearly always the most beautiful.

Many of our native shrubs grow under conditions that are not favorable to them. This is due to their very hardiness. They come down from mountain top, creep up from the valleys and even cross from the desert through the same passes as the railroads. It seems to be noticeable, at least in the region of the San Geronimo canon that more species pass from the desert to the western slope than the other way. The configuration of the mountains and the difference of the angles at which the winds reach the pass may have something to do with this. Perhaps the desert species are more adaptable, being the survivors where the condi-

tions for vegetable life are most unfavorable. Probably all the desert species could be grown under the conditions of many of our hot sandy washes.

Be that as it may, to thoroughly understand and appreciate the native shrubs already mentioned and those to follow one must see them, not merely where they happen to grow nor even where abundant, but where they show that they are really at home. And most of those that will be recommended will ask but little. In the sandy, dry and humus-lacking soil, and with the scant water that will in some cases, have to be contended with, once established they will maintain themselves. But the plants cannot do justice to themselves if they receive less attention than a stone fence, and some of them do. The fence sometimes gets repaired.

With few exceptions, it is not on mountain trail or even in deep and narrow cañons that our shrubs display their greatest beauty and natural form. Seek the north slopes, of undulating hills, the cañons that open to the north, those places where the struggle is not so apparent, and you may be surprised at the symmetry displayed in many shrubs that have been classed as straggly from casual observations.

The electric car passes, on the way to Sierra Madre, a natural park, not yet desecrated by the hand of man. Seen

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assured. This plan has advantages and disadvantages which will be carefully considered before any final action is taken. The members of the Board of Trade and others interested merely wish to secure the most satisfactory gas service possible for Sierra Madre. And it seems altogether probable that present negotiations will result in gas for this city.

### LET THE CROAKERS CROAK

#### They Get No Consolation from Effects of Storm on New Paving.

Wednesday night's storm was the best boomer for better streets that has come to town. And the evil prophets who had predicted that the first hard storm would tear out the street work and that the gutters and culverts would never carry off the storm water are in gloom. Some of them hugged themselves with joy during the storm, thinking of the chance the morrow would bring to say "I told you so." And some, it is said, even went out in the storm hoping to see with their own eyes the fulfillment of their evil prognostications. But the gutters and culverts were behaving beautifully and Thursday morning found everything in the best order on record following a

heavy rainfall.

The only streets which suffered damage from the storm were the unimproved streets. And the only trouble on the improved streets was due to debris and loose soil from the unimproved streets choking the culverts in two or three places. Baldwin, Mountain Trail and east Central avenues were simply scoured clean and left in better condition than before. The city officials and others who have advocated better streets are jubilant over the result of the test, which was as severe as is likely to be encountered in years.

Mr. Ralph Kruse who spent some time in Sierra Madre last spring in the search for health died very suddenly at Monrovia Monday. He was taking a stroll when his weakened heart failed him and he expired almost immediately. The remains were taken in charge by the Knights of Pythias of which order he was a member and who had been caring for him.

The improvement work on Central avenue is progressing slowly while the dear people wait upon the sweet will of the P. E. people. Occupants of the Kersting block will return devout thanks when the oil has put an end to the clouds of dust that float in through every crevice and open door, and make it possible to clean up their store rooms so they will stay clean.

### Sierra Madre Has Worst Hail Storm on Record—Heavy Rainfall Comes Early.

How big a story can you tell about hail stones? If you did not pick up ice pellets at least three inches long Wednesday night your story is not worth telling. No one ever saw anything like it in Sierra Madre before, and for that matter no one has been found here who ever saw the equal of that hail storm anywhere else. Somebody knocked a lot of huge icicles off the equinox and the largest ones fell in Sierra Madre and vicinity.

The hail followed a mild rainstorm and the climax came about ten o'clock Wednesday night. The pelting of the ice on roofs and porches was nothing short of terrifying. The finding of hailstones as large as hen's eggs was reported by many people who ventured out as soon as the worst of the storm was over. There was enough hail to cover the ground. Much fruit was stripped from trees, while grapes and tomatoes were pounded into the ground.

Hathaway's furniture store suffered worse damage than any other building in town. The patent roofing was punctured and the torrents of rain following the hail soaked through and soaked everything in the store. Hotel Shirley was soaked in much the same way, several skylights being broken. The skylight in Underhill's new building was also broken. The buildings occupied by August Eklund, the barber shop, E. B. Grilley and Fox & Parsons were pretty well soaked also, when the hail had punctured the paper roofing. The tar paper stable just erected for the Tamped Oil Roads company's grading crew was torn to shreds. One of the big windows in the front of the new telephone office was cracked. Some of the rotten canvas in tent houses about town were also riddled. For the most part dwelling houses escaped without damage save for roofs which would have leaked in any rainstorm.

Rain continued to fall all night and most of the day Thursday. The enormous volume of water was carried off in fine shape by the gutters and culverts along the streets recently improved. No serious damage was done on the other streets, but many gullies were started which will grow worse with each succeeding rain unless looked after.

Mrs. Henry Caskey of Point Arenas arrived today for a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Rice of Live Oak avenue. Rev. Caskey will attend the Presbytery which meets at Pasadena in about two weeks. He will then join Mrs. Caskey and visit his relatives here.



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## Ordinance No. 67

An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre ordering certain work to be done on Grand View avenue in said city of Sierra Madre.

The Board of Trustees of the city of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:—

Sec. 1. That the Board of Trustees of the city of Sierra Madre deems it to be required by the public interest and convenience, and hereby orders, that the following street work be done, to-wit:

1st. That Grand View avenue from the easterly curb line of Sunnyside avenue on the east to the westerly curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west, including all intersections, (excepting such portions of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon, and also excepting such portions as have already been graded to the official grade, oiled and accepted by said city), be graded and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and specifications for the grading and oiling of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 10.

2nd. That a cement curb be constructed along both sides of said Grand View avenue between the easterly curb line of Sunnyside avenue on the east and the westerly curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west, (except along such portions of said street where a cement or granite curb has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city), according to the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city for such work, and specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 2.

3rd. That a cement gutter two feet in width be constructed along the south side of Grand View avenue from the easterly curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west to a point 630 feet easterly thereof, and thence five feet in width to the westerly curb line of Sunnyside avenue on the east; and a cement gutter two feet in width along the northerly side of Grand View avenue from the easterly curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west to a point 570 feet easterly thereof, and thence three and one-half feet in width to the westerly curb line of Sunnyside avenue on the east, (except along such portions of said street where a cement or granite gutter of said dimensions has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city), in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and specifications for the construction of cement gutters on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 8.

4th. That cement box culverts be constructed of the size and dimensions and where shown on the plans and profiles for said Grand View avenue, along and across said Grand View avenue between the easterly curb line of Sunnyside avenue on the east and the westerly curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west, in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and according to plans of the numbers shown on said plans and profiles for the construction of cement box culverts, and specifications for the construction of cement box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9.

5th. That cement swales be constructed where shown and indicated and of the size and dimensions shown on the plans and profiles for such work, along and across said Grand View avenue between the easterly curb line of Sunnyside avenue on the east and the westerly curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west, in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on

file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and specifications for the construction of cement swales on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 7.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish a notice of said work, inviting sealed proposals or bids for doing said work, and referring to the specifications posted or on file once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said city, hereby designated for that purpose. Said notice shall require a certified check, or bond, either, as prescribed by law, and for an amount not less than ten per cent of the aggregate of the proposals.

He is also directed to post said notice with specifications conspicuously for five days on or near the chamber door of the place of meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," said newspaper hereby designated for that purpose, and thereupon and thereafter the same shall take effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the city of Sierra Madre held on the 24th day of September, A.D. 1908, by the affirmative vote of at least three trustees, to-wit:—

Ayes: Messrs. Graham, Hosmer, Pegler and Jones.

Absent: Krafft.

Noes:—None.

And signed and approved this 24th day of September, A. D., 1908.

C. W. JONES,

President of the Board of Trustees.

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[Seal]

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**Brief Items of Interest**

Mrs. Randolph Madison was the  
guest of the Misses Rice, of Baldwin  
avenue recently.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Reed of Cleve-  
land, Ohio, are recent arrivals and have  
leased the cottage of Mrs. Sarah E. Rob-  
inson, near Baldwin avenue.

Will Tufts returned Monday from his  
home at El Centro and will live with  
his grandmother, Mrs. E. M. Tufts,  
while attending Throop this year.

Mrs. Laura Stevenson and daughter,  
Miss Janet Stevenson, who for the past  
two months have been visiting friends  
and relatives in San Francisco returned  
home this week.

Miss Henrietta Gifford has returned  
from a prolonged visit to San Francisco  
and was this week the guest of her  
friend, Miss Evelyn Rice, before enter-  
ing upon her duties as teacher in the  
San Bernardino schools.

Miss Nerena Yule, daughter of Mrs.  
H. G. Laage of Mira Monte avenue, has  
returned from a visit of three weeks as  
the guest of Mrs. L. C. Reed of Los  
Angeles, where she was the recipient of  
many social favors. She enters Miss  
Orton's English Classical school for  
girls at Pasadena.

The first hard rainfall of the season  
always finds much brush, leaves and  
other trash upon the ground which col-  
lects in unsightly piles of debris wher-  
ever it is carried by the water. The  
sooner this is removed after the storm  
is over the less labor required. And  
the more cleaning up that is done right  
now the less work will remain to be  
done on clean-up day.

The Sierra Madre squad at Throop  
this year numbers fourteen, the follow-  
ing boys making the daily journey:  
Charles Camp, Raymond Andrews,  
Reeves Stewart, Earl Krafft, Wayne  
Thornburg, Max Thornburg, Roydon  
Pool, Adolphus Kershaw, Will Tufts,  
Laurel Steinberger, Fred Hilton, Fred  
Hatfield, Ralph Odwarker, Merton Clark.  
Hicks Thornburg is attending business  
college in Los Angeles.

Sierra Madre's teachers who teach else-  
where (which includes all who teach  
anywhere) have taken up their work  
for the coming year. Miss Etta Dick-  
son resumes her position at Boyle  
Heights, Los Angeles; Miss Jessie Climie  
at Pasadena High; Mrs. C. B. Jones at  
Los Angeles High; Miss Gertrude Cook  
at Lamanda Park, and Miss Clarice  
Merrell at Tropico. Miss Elizabeth  
Steinberger goes to Santa Monica. Miss  
Blakeman and Miss Emily Brugman are  
on the substitute list in Los Angeles.

Rally day at the Congregational  
church marked the resumption of all  
the regular services of the church, some  
of which have been suspended during  
the summer. Dr. Campbell preached  
inspiring sermons both morning and  
evening. The various auxiliary societies  
resume their regular meetings within a  
short time, also. The date for the men's  
banquet has been set for Friday even-  
ing, Oct. 9. The men who attended the  
banquet last spring will look forward  
to a repetition of that event with more  
than ordinary pleasure. Some strong  
speakers will be present and it is likely  
that a men's club will be organized at  
that time.

Miss Hattie Moss of Los Angeles is  
the guest of her nephew, Mr. C. Moss  
Clark and Mrs. Clark, of Piedmont  
Heights.

Mrs. Adelede Lois Coleclow and sister,  
Mrs. Crandall, having spent a fortnight  
in Sierra Madre, have returned to their  
home at Amboy Ranch, Gardena.

Mrs. Clarence Penn, who has been  
visiting at her old home in Virginia  
the past summer has returned and taken  
up her residence in Los Angeles.

Dr. Mary E. Burns, a direct descendant  
of Robert Burns, and a practicing phy-  
sician at Los Angeles, was recently the  
guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Stanton.

Mrs. W. F. Brugman and daughters  
returned last Friday to Sierra Madre,  
after spending the summer in New York  
City. They were preceded earlier in  
the week by Mrs. R. A. Kimball and  
Gladys and Miss Gertrude Cook with  
whom they made the trip east. Mrs.  
Kimball spent the summer at Bangor  
and Miss Cook at Auburn, Maine.

The members of the Jones-Madden  
camping party are congratulating them-  
selves on being the luckiest people in  
Sierra Madre just now. They returned  
from the West Fork Wednesday after-  
noon, just a few hours before the big  
storm broke. What would have hap-  
pened to them had they remained in  
camp till Thursday is more easily  
imagined than told.

Next Sunday morning the Sunday  
school service at the Church of the  
Ascension will be resumed at the usual  
hour, 9:45 a. m. A delightful feature is  
promised for the 11 o'clock service in  
the singing of Mr. Edward House, one  
of the finest singers on the Pacific coast.  
Mr. House has recently sung at the  
Auditorium and it will be a privilege  
to hear him in Sierra Madre.

At a meeting of the members of the  
Congregational church held after the  
morning service last Sunday Mr. E. N.  
Mead and Mrs. H. G. Flint were elected  
delegates to the state conference of the  
Congregational church to be held at  
Santa Ana Oct. 5-7. Mr. C. F. Gray was  
elected to fill out the unexpired term of  
H. J. Irwin as trustee on account of Mr.  
Irwin's removal from the city and sub-  
sequent resignation.

Mrs. J. A. Osgood and Miss Etta Dick-  
son attended the rally of the English  
department of the Y. W. C. A. at the  
new building in Los Angeles last Fri-  
day evening. While there they heard  
Miss Irene Wadey, a former Sierra  
Madre girl, sing. Miss Wadey is a  
protege of Miss Ellen Beach Yaw, who  
has taken great interest in the develop-  
ment of her voice, which is said to be  
quite remarkable.

Manager Ross of Mt. Wilson hotel and  
Chester Huston returned Monday from  
a four-day trip in the back country.  
On Thursday they started out with a  
score of burros and horses which they  
left at Barley Flats to graze till the  
snow makes it necessary to bring them  
in. They then went on to Alder Creek  
and down the Tujunga, coming out by  
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1908.

Residents of the "shoestring strip" which has been declared legally a part of Los Angeles city, say they get no attention from any of the city officials except the assessor and poundmaster.

On the evening of Friday, Oct. 2nd, the non-sectarian boy's club, Knights of King Arthur, will give a garden party and lawn fete, at the residence of J. H. Wright. Elaborate plans are being made for the entertainment. Tableaux and

The regular monthly cooked food sale for the benefit of the Public Library will be given tomorrow in the old drug store building. The usual assortment of delicious home-cooked food will be on sale. Don't fail to be on hand early before the good things are all sold.

Tuesday and Wednesday were the days when dad had to go to the circus, "just to take the children and let them see the animals." Of course he cared nothing about it for himself.

The Library is open eight times each week, viz., on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons from 3 till 5, and Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 till 9 o'clock. The reading room will also be open Sunday afternoons.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Borglum of Sierra Madre who recently returned from a summer's outing at Santa Barbara, has won new honors in the field of art. The latest recognition accorded her work was the first prize at the state fair at Sacramento. Another honor, even higher perhaps, was the invitation from the governor's commission having the California exhibit in charge to send pictures at the state's expense to the Alaska-Yukon exposition next year.

Mrs. Borglum has resumed her Tuesday morning classes in painting and drawing at her studio. The studio will be open Sunday afternoon, October 4 on and after three o'clock for those who wish to visit the studio. Thereafter the receiving days will be the first Sunday in each month, as heretofore.

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## Ordinance No. 66

An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the city of Sierra Madre regulating the keeping of oil and gasoline in said city of Sierra Madre.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, keep for sale, or expose for sale, any kerosene, coal oil or gasoline without first having placed a label with the word "coal oil", "gasoline", or "kerosene" printed thereon, in letters of not less than one inch in length, upon the receptacle containing such coal oil, kerosene or gasoline, as the case may be, such label to be used only for the respective article which it designates.

Section 2. Any person violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be punishable in a fine of not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment for a period of not less than one (1) day nor more than twenty-five (25) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 3 The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in the "Sierra Madre News," a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said city of Sierra Madre, and hereby designated for that purpose, and thereupon and thereafter the same shall take effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre held on the 24th day of September, A. D., 1908, by the affirmative vote of at least three trustees, to-wit:—

Ayes—Messrs. Graham, Hosmer, Pegler and Jones.  
Noes—None.

Absent—Trustee Krafft.  
and signed and approved this 24th day of September, A. D. 1908.

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### October is a Delightful Month in Utah

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### IMPORTANCE OF SHRUBS

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from the car, the pleasing slopes seem to be adorned by scrub oaks and possibly by some small live oaks. Overland trains via Yuma and El Paso when passing Redlands junction are entering the charming San Timoteo valley which converges to the San Gorgonio pass. There are seventeen to twenty of, we will say, low hills, as compared to the mountains but some of them perhaps 1500 or 2000 bordering the valley and in the folds, cañons and washes of these hills one is constantly astonished by the sight of small trees and particularly of shrubs fresh and green in the hottest, driest time of the year, looking like the choicest selections of the gardener's skill. Standing on a slope in some of the washes, there are seen here and there shrubs of a particular noticeable freshness seeming to be alike and yet differing in shades of green.

The native-lover cannot pass them in the distance but will go to first one and then another and in each instance he will in that region and season find that his shrub is either the Hollyleaved Cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*) or the Laurel-leaved Sumach (*Rhus lawrina*). Both species present delightful variation in greens in response to the lights and shades of a slope or rill.

The Laurel-leaf Sumach is the one that predominates in our vacant lots. It is one of the handsomest of the genus as represented here but it must be kept young by cutting and when the fruit begins to blacken it should be cut away. This is its only defect and it is too beautiful in stem and leaf when properly treated, to be excluded.

The region I have referred to is of especial biological interest and perhaps there is no better way to introduce the rest of the most available and suitable of our shrubs than by taking them as we find them in rambling from Brookside at the western end of the cañon (there known as the San Timoteo cañon) to Beaumont at the summit of the San Gorgonio pass. Incidentally it may be interesting to state that the original name of the town was San Gorgonio, but the railroad company changed it to suit its convenience.

#### LOSSES BY IMPROVEMENT.

Wherever the word "improvement" goes forth in a suburban town it is the death knell of its beauty if it had any. Some years ago two of the holiday pleasures were Hollywood and Garvanza. They have been "improved" and now there is no inducement to visit them. It may be said that the object of a community is to please its own members, but this is just exactly what it does not do for the reason that those that have the truest right of priority are nearly always in the minority. The beginning generally comes when some sharp and sordid eye fixes itself upon the landscape and sees in his mind in large and glittering letters that most beautiful word "commission." That comfort and convenience demand something of what is called improvement is of course recognized by everyone, but nearly all the small towns called cities are disappointing because they never can be cities, and they are always in a condition of impotent ambition.

The term city is of course merely a legal technicality necessary for the acquirement of certain rights as a community. In its broad sense it is an absurdity. There are only two cities in California, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and it is something of a squeeze

to get Los Angeles in. It is still young and provincial. Then why citify small towns except to meet such demands.

Sordid questions are not here considered, only the esthetic. The practical mind that selects his decorative trees with an eye to the main chance in the way of a crop would probably buy a picture by square measure. I may not hope to interest him.

Of course Baldwin and Mountain Trail avenues are now very fine avenues, and if it is possible ever to line them somewhat more closely with suitable trees, they will no doubt become famous. At present they are common place which they were not before the improvement. The beauty is gone. Whether any trees can be made to grow well under the conditions now existing is seriously doubted by some. They that have loved the charming vistas east and west the length of Grand View avenue may take their last, long, lingering looks, for it will never be quite so beautiful after the improvement.

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### Cans Must Be Labelled.

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Ordinance No. 67, ordering the improvement of the west block of Grand View was adopted and may be found elsewhere in this issue.

A curfew ordinance was introduced, designed to put a stop to the practice by a large number of young boys of loafing about the streets at night. The age limit and official bed-time hour will be decided upon later.

A communication from Mr. N. W. Tarr was read, advocating the early improvement of Grandin avenue, and offering his services in promoting such work. In case it is not feasible to have the street graded and oiled at present he wishes the grades established so he can have curbs and sidewalks put in along his own frontage.

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